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**Applicant:** GROUPE PPD INC.  
**Serial No.:** 10/716,597  
**Filed:** 11/20/2003  
**Group Art Unit** 3611  
**Examiner:** Boehler, Anne Marie  
**Title:** SNOWMOBILE SKI HAVING A SELF STEERING KEEL  
ARRANGMENT

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 18, 2004, in  
connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the  
following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on

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Application No. 10/716,597 – Amendment filed March 18, 2005

March 18, 2005, with a two-month extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for 2 months, to and including March 18, 2005, accompanied by the required fee.

Applicants acknowledge the courtesy of Examiner Boehler for the telephone interview of March 16, 2005.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.